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SUBJ: HAITIAN PARTICIPATION IN 1978 INTERNATIONAL LABOR  
CONFERENCE

1. HAITIAN WEEKEND PRESS ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE ON JUNE 2 OF FIRST  
TRIPARTITE HAITIAN DELEGATION IN YEARS TO ATTEND ANNUAL  
INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE. DELEGATION LEADERS, AS LAST  
YEAR, IS SECRETARY OF STATE (MINISTER) FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND  
LABOR DR. ACHILLE L. SALVANT. SALVANT IS ASSISTED AS  
GOVERNMENT DELEGATE BY HIS MINISTRY'S SECRETARY GENERAL,  
MAX FOUCHARD, WHO HAS LONG EXPERIENCE WITH ILO MATTERS.  
EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVE IS NOROY THEODORE WHO IS THE OWNER/  
DIRECTOR OF A PRINTING FIRM THAT BEARS HIS NAME. EMPLOYEE  
DELEGATE IS RAOUL DUPERVIL, PRESIDENT OF REYNOLDS HAITIAN  
MINE WORKERS UNION.

2. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS THAT THE HAITIAN  
DELEGATION INCLUDES A WORKER REPRESENTATIVE. REYNOLDS IS THE  
MOST IMPORTANT US EMPLOYER IN HAITI AND ITS UNION IS  
ONE OF THE FEW IN HAITI WHICH BEARS SOME SEMBLANCE TO VIABLE  
TRADE UNIONS ELSEWHERE. DURING AN UNUSUAL FLURRY OF MINOR  
STRIKES LATE LAST YEAR, THE REYNOLD'S UNION STRUCK TO  
PROTEST THE COMPANY'S ALLEGED UNFAIR DISMISSAL OF TWO OF  
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ITS EMPLOYEES (77 PAP 4633). THE DISPUTE WAS COMPLICATED  
BY LOCAL POLITICAL RIVALRIES BUT WAS SETTLED AFTER MINISTER  
SALVANT'S INTERVENTION. ONE OF THE COMPLICATING FACTORS IN  
THE DISPUTE WAS THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT WAS ALSO THE COMMANDER  
OF THE LOCAL MILITIA DETACHMENT. WE DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS  
STILL THE CASE BUT WE BELIEVE DUPERVILL IS WELL-CONNECTED WITH

SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THAT HIS UNION MAY BE USED  
FROM TIME TO TIME BY CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE GOH TO PRESSURE  
REYNOLDS. IF ANY US OBSERVERS AT ILO HAVE OCCASION TO  
MEET DUPERVIL, WE WOULD WELCOME AN ASSESSMENT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES HAITIAN DELEGATION CAN BE COUNTED  
ON TO SUPPORT US OBJECTIVES AT CONFERENCE IF THEY HAVE A VOTE.  
AT LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE HAITI WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE  
BECAUSE IT WAS IN ARREARS ON ITS PAYMENTS TO ILO. REQUEST  
GENEVA NOTIFY US AS TO WHETHER HAITI HAS PAID ENOUGH OF ITS  
DEBT TO BE ENTITLED TO VOTE THIS YEAR.  
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